

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, John Lor and Terry Weld.

Council Members absent: David Klinkhammer and Andrew Werthmann.

STATE OF THE CITY

Council President Weld presented the State of the City address.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, February 25, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Tangled Up in Hue to conduct the Artist Market of Eau Claire on Saturdays from May 30 - September 12, 2020 in Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Reilly Chiropractic, Visit Eau Claire and Janelle's School of Dance to conduct the O'Claire Irish Festival on Sunday, March 15, 2020, in Haymarket Plaza and along City sidewalks.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley Council – Boy Scouts of America to conduct the Chippewa Valley Airshow on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, 2020, at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Cedar Creek Community Church, Rob Gerber, President, on April 3, 2020, at 3520 Eastwind Drive, for the Cedar Creek Sportsman's Banquet.
- Granting a Temporary Expansion of the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Hangar 54 Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hangar 54, 3800 Starr Avenue, to include the Chalet, Presidents Club and Reserved seating, for the Chippewa Valley Airshow at the Airport on June 13 - 14, 2020.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Tartam, LLC, d/b/a Best Western, 3614 Gateway Drive, Hinabahn Patel, agent.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for Department of Homeland Security grant monies for the purchase of Automated Chest Compression Systems.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to fund the replacement of one eligible public transit bus under the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust.

- Declaring the City’s intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and sidewalk improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing scheduled for March 9, 2020, on the following street: Lake Street, Second Avenue to Fifth Avenue (20-302).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on the following streets:

- Oxford Avenue, Madison Street to Platt Street (20-106);
- Maxon Street, Oxford Avenue to Bellinger Street (20-105).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend the resolution” by adding sharrows to the Oxford Avenue, Madison Street to Platt Street (20-106), project. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the amended resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIDEWALK REPAIR

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on the following streets:

- Oxford Avenue, Madison Street to Platt Street (20-106);
- Maxon Street, Oxford Avenue to Bellinger Street (20-105).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY-WIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 25 locations beginning with 605 S. Dewey Street, Parcel No. 02-0210. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to amend the resolution” by directing that the sidewalk on the Staehling (Parcel 14-1979) and Vang (Parcel 14-1980-B) properties shall be constructed in 2021. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the amended resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Fire Department to apply for and accept grant monies from the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management (WEM) for the purchase of hazardous materials radiological detection equipment. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FORMER FIRE STATION NO. 10

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the sale of 559 N. Hastings Way (Former Fire Station No. 10), Parcel 10-0526. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing City staff to reject proposals for the City-owned property at 559 N. Hastings Way (Former Fire Station No. 10), Parcel 10-0526. (Postponed from the August 13, 2019 City Council meeting.) Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) and its sub-action plans. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend” the Eau Claire Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) to include evaluation of certification as a Bee City USA. Specifically, the Education & Engagement paragraph of Appendix A, Section B5. on page 54, to read as follows:

Education & Engagement

- Education campaign to replace invasive species, with a particular focus on the jumping worm
- Evaluate certification as a Bee City USA
- Work with County and DNR to more broadly publicize annual native tree and plant sale
- Research and promote ways for invasive controls without herbicides and pesticides

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended Renewable Energy Action Plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Sustainability Advisory Committee's 2020 Annual Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AMTRAK SHUTTLE CONNECTION

The City Council considered a resolution supporting the proposed Eau Claire-Black River Falls-Tomah Amtrak shuttle connection. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning a property located at 3801 Gateway Drive from TC-3 to C-3P and to adopt the general development plan with site plan for a commercial building (Z-1665-20).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: February 25, 2020

Time: 5:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk